

## Message Text

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SY-05 OMB-01 PPT-01 /090 W  
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FM AMEMBASSY BONN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2290

INFO AMEMBASSY PRAGUE

AMEMBASSY VIENNA

AMCONSUL MUNICH

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CGEN, SREF, PFOR, PINS, CZ, GW, GE, AU (MEEKER,  
BARRY)

SUBJECT: HELICOPTER INCIDENT

REFS: (A) PRAGUE 2112; (B) VIENNA 7156; (C) MUNICH 1733

1. THE FONOFF HAS TOLD THE EMBASSY THAT IT REGARDS THE PRAGUE PROTEST AS DEFINITELY MODERATE. IT IS SITTING ON THE PROTEST FOR THE TIME BEING AND INTENDS TO REPLY THROUGH FRG EMBASSY AT PRAGUE ORALLY AND ONLY AFTER SOME DELAY IN THE BELIEF THAT ALL CONCERNED WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE INCIDENT BLOW OVER.

2. WHEN THE FRG REPLIES IT INTENDS TO POINT OUT THAT NO GERMAN CITIZENS WERE INVOLVED, THERE WAS NO ILLEGAL CROSSING OF FRG/CZECHOSLOVAK BORDER, AND THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO CONTROL EVERY LOCAL HELICOPTER FLIGHT.

3. THE FRG ALSO BELIEVES THAT THE PILOT (MEEKER) WAS NOT ARMED. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS LEAVING ANY  
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POSSIBLE ACTION AGAINST MEEKER STRICTLY TO LOCAL

AUTHORITIES, ALTHOUGH THE FONOFF OFFICIAL TO WHOM WE  
SPOKE (MENTZINGEN) OBSERVED THAT ALL MEEKER'S OFFENSES  
WERE MINOR ONES, THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR WHICH COULD  
ONLY BE LOSS OF LICENSE.  
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